

## Big pipe contract

STOUFFVILLE — For the past several months, McCowan Road, south of 18th Avenue, has taken on all the ap-

pearances of a battle field. The reason is construction of a huge new reservoir and installation

of water service pipe to and from the site.

While the project is taking place in the Town of Markham and has nothing directly to do with Whitchurch - Stouffville, it involves a company located here.

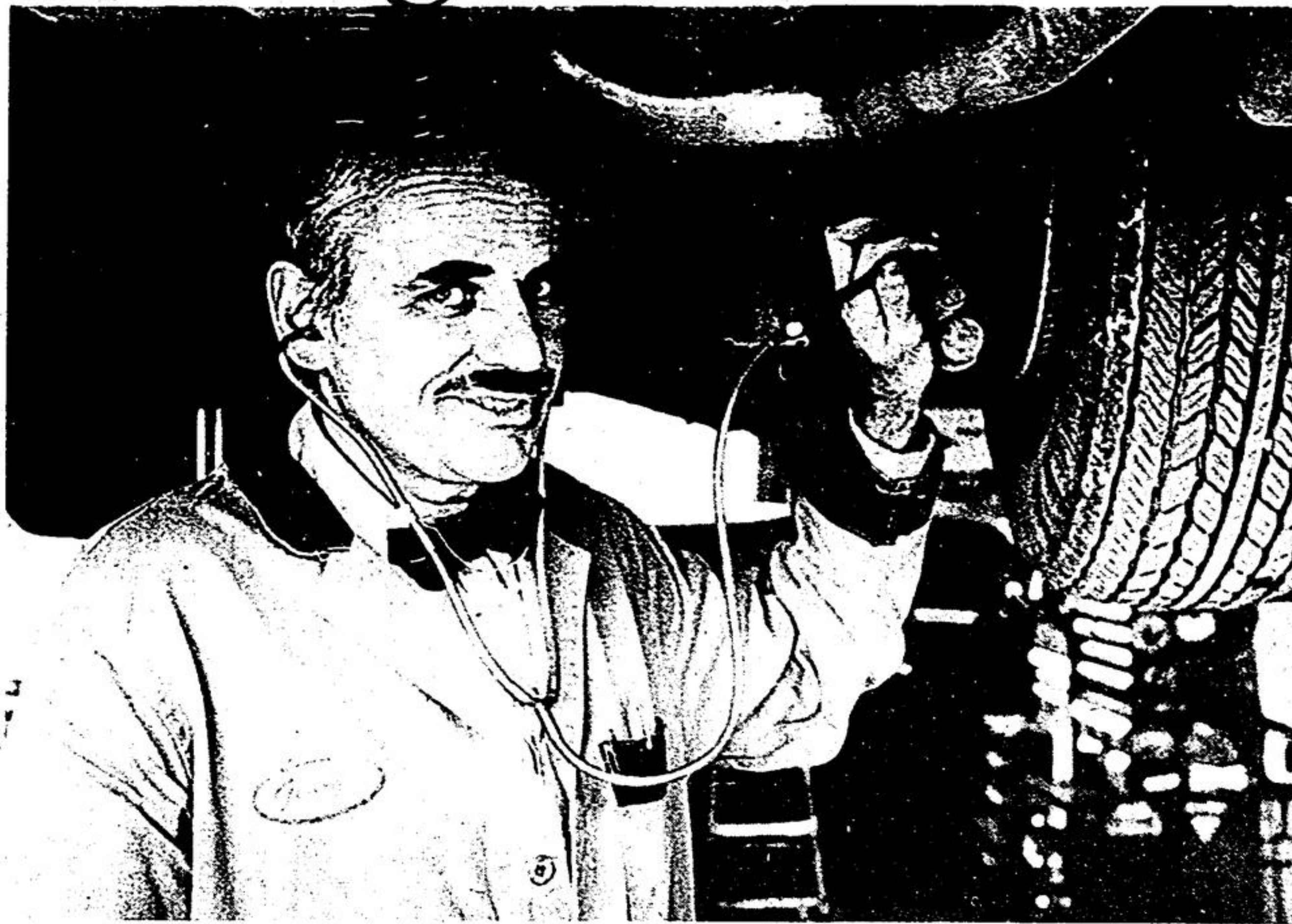
The firm of Standard Pressure Pipe Co., on the Bethesda Road, east of Hwy. 48, has been responsible for supplying 3,650 meters of pipe, a contract totalling \$485,000.

Glen Wilson, company sales manager, said the project comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of the Environment, working in co-operation with the Region of York. When completed, water will be transported from Lake Ontario to a secondary station, then to the holding reservoir for distribution where required.

Standard Pressure Pipe is the largest firm in Whitchurch - Stouffville. Each section of pipe supplied is 24 feet long. The contract calls for 481 units. Mr. Wilson called it "a very good order".

The company moved to Town 2½ years ago and only recently underwent a one million dollar addition to the fittings shop.

# Garage—"all in the family"



By ED SCHROETER

VANDORF — When area resident, Arthur van Nostrand first opened the Vandorf Garage in an old wheelright's shed in 1923, it took him several days to repair a problem now fixed in an hour, explained son George van Nostrand, present owner of the business.

"My father was a pioneer in the industry," said Mr. van Nostrand. In those days, equipment was not as advanced, and experience was the only teacher.

Things have certainly changed since the garage was first established. George van Nostrand has the benefit of education and apprenticeship. The tools of the trade have changed drastically also. An array of sophisticated modern diagnostic equipment fills the shop.

"You have to keep up-to-date," Mr. van Nostrand claims. The service end includes tune-ups, brake problems, and wheel alignments.

There's one thing that hasn't changed, said Mr. van Nostrand. "We haven't grown physically, since the third building in 1951, because if you get too big, you lose the personal touch."

Many customers still like to come in and find out what is being done to their car. The mechanics can explain the work the car needs before they begin their job.

Mr. van Nostrand feels his policy must work, because the business is booked a week ahead "virtually year-round." Customers come from as far away as Sutton and Niagara-On-The-Lake. "It's a compliment to us," he noted.

Three fully certified mechanics handle about 15 cars daily. They are Frank Lehman and Ted Collett from Newmarket, and Dan Riddell, of Keswick. Mrs. Lorna Austin is the company bookkeeper, while 15 year old Chris Pitcher is Mr. van Nostrand's sweeper.

As to why he became associated with the business, Mr. van Nostrand says simply, "It was natural for me, I sort of grew up in it."

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### Developer's dilemma

## Wells first houses later

STOUFFVILLE — Council has tabled a motion to further study John Daniel's request for an amendment to the Official Plan.

Mr. Daniel proposes to sell individual lots of about five acres along the Bethesda Sideroad. Property-owners will build and design their own homes.

Mr. Daniel said unless the amendment is made, he will be required to establish the site of the house and drill a well, to avoid paying provincial land speculation tax.

"To put in a well before the house goes up is ludicrous," he felt, explaining the buyer of the lot may wish to locate his home on a different site, forcing him to drill another well.

"My own concern is for the person owning the lot who finds he is not able to get water," said Councillor Jim Doble, noting the clause in question was intended to guarantee there would be water on every lot.

Councillor June Button said hydrologists' reports confirmed an abundance of water in that area. "We're just trying to control too much," she reasoned.

But Councillor Eldred King pointed out it was possible to obtain differing hydrologists' reports, and Council had a responsibility to protect the individual.

"I wouldn't like anybody to tell me I can't decide where my house is going, when I'm spending

\$90,000 for a lot," Councillor Bill Kamps said.

Councillor Becky Wedley agreed with Councillor King the group "should look at all the possibilities and ramifications, which could occur if we were to take out the amendment." He added unforeseen problems could arise, leaving the property-owner in the lurch if the developer were freed from his present responsibilities.

### Temple closes

Thanksgiving week-end will provide the last opportunity to visit historic Sharon Temple before it closes for the season.

There will be demonstrations of spinning, weaving, flax-making, chair-caning and quilting. On Oct. 7, there will be a sale of home-made pies and other bake goods.

A special feature, Oct. 8 will be a performance by the Newmarket Citizens' Band at 2:30 p.m.

The temple and grounds will be open, Oct. 7 to 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 for adults; .75 cents for senior citizens and students and .25 cents for children.

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